

REMARKS

Claims 35-56 are pending, and claims 1-34 have been canceled.

New formal drawings accompany this amendment. No substantive changes have been made to the drawings. The figures have been enlarged so that the lines and numbers are clear and have the proper size. It is believed that the formal drawings satisfy the requirements made in the form PTO-948 included in the office action.

Claims 35, 36 and 38-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ernest (GB 356,497). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

The office action indicates that Ernest's crank arm (17) is capable of being mounted as claimed simply by eliminating washer (20) and passing the end (3) of the axle (1) through the aperture (20) of the crank arm (17) until the projections subsequently formed at (16) abut against the crank arm (17). However, the end (3) of Ernest's axle (1) could not be passed through aperture (18) because of the flats (19) formed at the sides of aperture (18). Axle (1) is not dimensioned to pass by these flats as required by claim 35. Axle (1) would have to be modified so that the flats (15) formed on axle (1) extend all the way to end (3), especially at the cylindrical portions such as indicated at (1). However, there is no disclosure or suggestion in the prior art to modify Ernest's axle (1) in this matter.

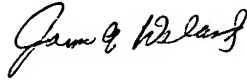
Claims 46-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ernest in view of Yamanaka (US 5,845,543). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed for the same reasons noted above.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 have been overcome by the foregoing remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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